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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

REF: 1. VIENTIANE 352, 2. STATE 28546

1. TO MEET YOUR CONCERNS IN REF 1 THAT WE KEEP LPDR IN-
FORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR CONTACTS WITH SRV, YOU ARE
AUTHORIZED TO MAKE FOLLOWING ORAL PRESENTATION TO LAO MFA
OFFICIAL AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL: THE USG HAS APPROACHED THE
SRV TO EXPLORE FURTHER PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING A SATIS-
FACTORY ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISH-
ING A MORE NORMAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VIETNAM.
AS THE SECRETARY HAS MADE CLEAR, WE BELIEVE THAT NORMALIZA-
TION OF RELATIONS IS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE U.S. AND
VIETNAM, AND WE HOPE THAT SUCH A PROCESS CAN BEGIN PROMPTLY.
AS AN INITIAL STEP, WE HAVE PROPOSED FURTHER CONTACTS WITH
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THE SRV. WE ALSO PLAN TO BE IN FURTHER TOUCH WITH THE LPDR
AUTHORITIES IN THIS REGARD AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS.

2. FYI. WE HAVE PROPOSED TO SRV THAT SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL
COMMISSION VISIT HANOI TO DISCUSS MIA'S AND THE RETURN OF
REMAINS, AS WELL AS OTHER QUESTIONS BETWEEN US INCLUDING
HOW TO MOVE TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. WE HAVE

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NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM HANOI ON THIS PROPOSAL. IF

HANOI ACCEPTS OUR PROPOSAL, WE INTEND TO ASK LPDR TO RECEIVE COMMISSION ALSO DURING ITS TRAVEL TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. PURPOSE OF COMMISSION'S VISIT WOULD BE TO SEEK IN-FORMATION ON MIA'S.COMMISSION WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO LPDR'S VIEWS ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO BOTH COUNTRIES. IF WE RECEIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SRV, YOU WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH LPDR AUTHORITIES ON THIS MATTER.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DELAYING DEPARTURE OF BROH-KAHN UNTIL IT BECOMES CLEAR WHETHER PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION WILL VISIT LPDR. END FYI.

4. PERSONNEL ISSUE RAISED IN REF 1 WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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